Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Tom Wilts, who has devoted himself to the law enforcement profession for over 35 years; and,

Whereas, Tom graduated from high school in 1979 and began working for the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office in Elk River, Minnesota, as a jailer and dispatcher; he then served as a patrolman with the Moody County Sheriff's Office in Flandreau, South Dakota, from January 31, 1982, until June 30, 1988; and,

Whereas, Between July 1988 and December 1989, Tom worked with the East Central Drug Task Force out of Brookings, South Dakota, performing drug undercover work and also worked for the Brookings Police Department as a patrolman for three months; and,

Whereas, In January 1990, Tom transferred to Sturgis, South Dakota, where he worked for the Northern Hills Drug Task Force as a drug investigator and undercover agent, managing a number of confidential informants that led to a series of arrests and large seizure of narcotics, and in January 1996, Tom went to work for the Meade County Sheriff's Office and served as Chief Deputy until the time of his retirement; and,

Whereas, Tom's professionalism, experience, expertise, and dedicated service are recognized, appreciated, and admired by his colleagues, co-workers, and law enforcement agencies across the state; and,

Whereas, Tom will retire from the Meade County Sheriff's Office on August 25, 2015, to spend time with family and friends, hunt, fish, and travel; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2015, as

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in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State